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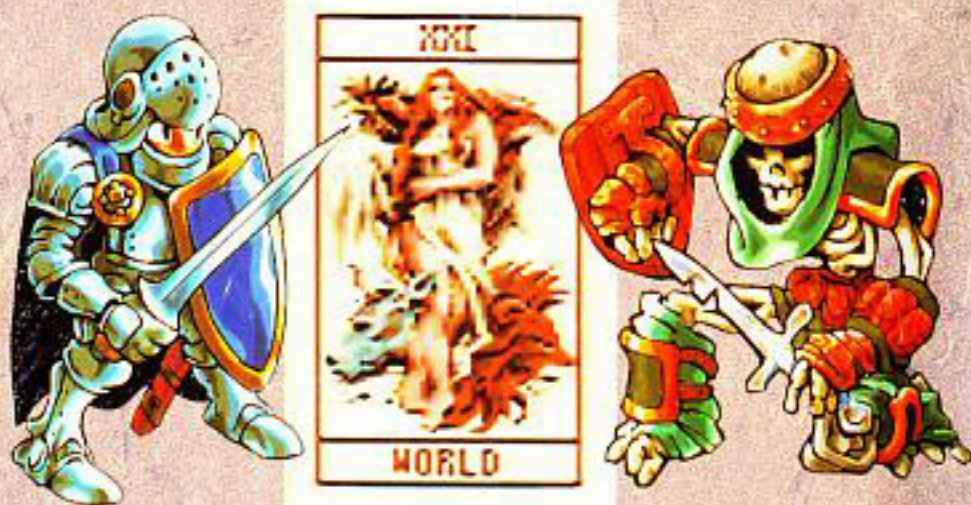
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THE STORY OF OGRE BATTLE

The days of Zenobia are growing dark and cold—evil is running rampant over the entire continent. Shadows of men roam the streets, whispering of the demise of their great King. The trusted Sage Rashidi fell prey to the evils of power, and in its grip, Rashidi slew Gran, the mighty King. Rashidi then joined forces with Empress Endora, and their reign of terror spread to the entire continent. Thus, the Zetegenian Empire was born.

YOUR MISSION

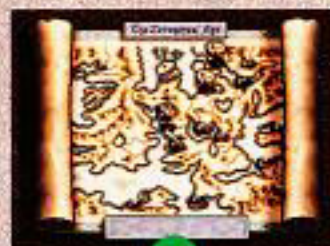
It's been nearly a quarter of a century since the reign of terror began. The Empire rules with neither justice nor compassion. The last remaining members of the rebellion are gathering on the outskirts of Sharom. The rebellion is greatly outnumbered by the mighty Empire, and there seems no way to defeat such an evil power. However, secrets carried through the wind tell of a great Wizard, "Warren" who may be willing to help you. Choose your path wisely, listen carefully to the people, and gain their confidence. If you are not careful, all will have been in vain. You will have toppled an evil Empire, only to start one of your own.



Basic Steps

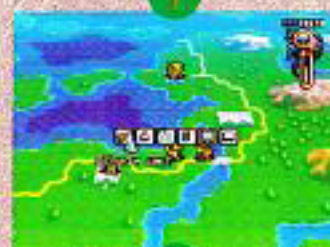
1. Choose Location

Areas displaying a flag have been freed, and those with Swords are ready for you to explore and liberate.



2. Deploy unit

Once you've arrived in an area, deploy several units—some to liberate towns and some to fight enemy troops.



3. Defeat enemy's unit

Upon encountering an enemy unit, you will enter the Battle Screen. The side that inflicts the most damage wins.



4. Liberate towns

Liberate towns to receive a healthy tribute. Enemy troops can retake a town, though, if you don't watch it!



5. Beat the boss

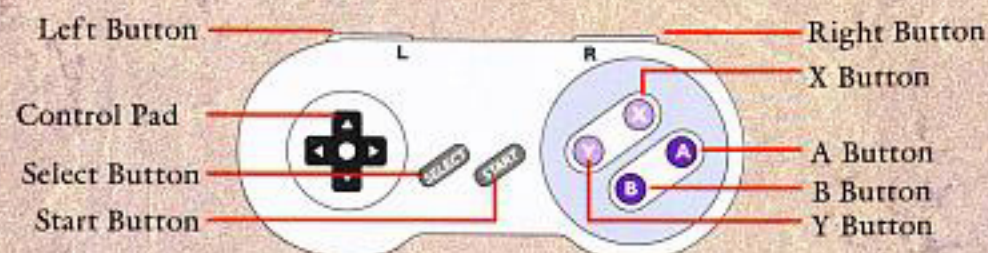
When entering a new area, the Boss' location is displayed. When you think your forces are ready, go for the boss!



HOW TO START THE GAME

This game is controlled by choosing Icons. Use the Control Pad to move the cursor to an Icon and press **A Button** to select it. To reset the game, press **L, R, Select** and **Start**.

Super NES controller



STEP 1 Turn on your Super NES

Please make sure the power to your Super Nintendo Entertainment System (Super NES) is **off**. Insert the *Ogre Battle* game pak and turn the power **on**. You will then see the opening screen. Here, you may choose to start a new game, or if this isn't the first time you've played *Ogre Battle*, you may continue working on a previously saved game. Use the Control Pad to select an option and press **A Button** to execute it.



STEP 2 Let's make a Hero

The character you will play is the head of the rebel forces, and is also known as the **Opinion Leader**. Choosing the **New Game** option at the Title Screen will call the wise man Warren, who will perform a character reading of your personality with Tarot cards. Warren will ask you six questions, as well as your sex. Based upon your answers, your hero's character will be formed.



STEP 3 Choose the first Location

A menu is displayed upon first entering the **Main Map** screen. Here, you may choose **Edit Units**, **Monitor** and **Data**. Press **B Button** to remove the menu. Move the cursor to an area and press **A Button**. You may fight in areas marked with a sword. Areas which have already been liberated are marked with a flag. Press **X Button** to display the menu again.



BEGINNING THE BATTLE

A worthy leader has been created to lead the rebel forces to victory, and that leader is you! Let the battle begin...

STEP 1 Let's move your unit

Click on the Unit Icon and select **Move**. The cursor then becomes a flag. Place the flag on the location you wish to move a unit to and press A. In later stages, you will use this command to



move several of your units. When you have many units moving at one time, you may click on a unit and choose the **View Destination** command to view where that party is headed.

STEP 2 Liberate cities

Liberating a city is as simple as moving a unit. Place a flag on the city with the **Move Unit** command.



Upon the unit's safe arrival, the city will be liberated.



As a reward, you will have a chance to pull a Tarot card.



Valuable information may be received after taking a card.

Game Play Fundamentals

PART 1

ICONS ON THE WORLD MAP



Edit units



Use this command to change the members in each party. (See page 12).



Option



Here, you can change the sound, game speed, and animation.



Data



You may save your progress into one of three files (from the world map only!)

ICONS ON THE STAGE MAP



Move



This allows you to set a destination for a selected unit.



Tactics



The way battles are fought can affect your reputation.



Edit



This command takes you to the Edit Units screen.



City Icon



To find out the details of a certain city, move the cursor to its icon and press the A button.

City's Name

Population: the number of people to liberate.

Morale: the general mood of the townspeople.

Friendliness: compassion for the rebel cause.

Money: your tribute amount, after liberation.

Shop: this will appear if the town has a shop.



Reputation meter

This meter shows what the people of the area think of you. You may play *Ogre Battle* without regard for the opinion of the populace, but the storyline will be adversely affected if the meter falls too low.

STEP 3 Discovering Hidden Cities

Sometimes, your units will come across hidden towns. These towns can provide important information, so be sure to send a Unit to check out suspicious areas.



In the first area, check out the island in the north.



A unit reaches the island, and a hidden town is found!



Lans appears and gives you some valuable information.

STEP 4 Let's Beat the Boss

Pay attention to the Boss' location when it is displayed at the beginning of the stage. When you feel that your forces are up for the challenge, head for the Boss!



Warren appears when you reach his castle.



Make sure your Unit is ready to fight.



Each member will fight automatically.



During battle, use a Tarot card to send an extra blast down on your enemies.

Game Play Fundamentals

PART 2

HOW TO LOOK AT THE UNIT BOX

During battle and in the Edit Units screen, your units will be displayed in the following Unit Box.

| | FRONT | BACK | |
|---|-------|------|---|
| Character | | | Life meter |
| Each type of character has a unique miniature icon. | 82 | 103 | This indicates how much of the total Hit Points remain. |
| Hit point | | | Unit leader |
| This shows the maximum Hit Points for this character. | 92 | 88 | The leader of a Unit is designated with a cross symbol. |

ICONS ON THE BATTLE SCENE

Although parts of the battle scenes are controlled by the computer, there are a few options you do get to decide on. Press B Button to bring them up.



Tarot Card



Each card has a special use, which will come in handy.



Animation



With the animation on, you can see each character attack.



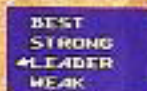
Retreat



If you're weak, this allows you to escape from the battle.



Tactics



Best: Attack the enemy that can be hit most effectively.
Strong: Attack the opponent with the most Hit Points.
Leader: Attack the leader of the unit first.
Weak: Attack the opponent with the least Hit Points.

EDITING UNITS

Although it is entirely possible to play *Ogre Battle* with the units as they come, it is best to customize each party for maximum effectiveness. Some characters fight better together than others.



STEP 1 Viewing Status

Select the **Edit Units** icon while on the Main Map screen to get to this menu. All characters will be displayed-- those in units and those which are in your character pool.

ALL UNITS PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR



Use the Control Pad to select the unit you wish to view.

Within the unit, you may select and view each character.

Try doing the same thing with the rest of your Units.

Game Play Fundamentals

PART 3

ICONS ON THE EDIT UNITS SCREEN



View status



You can view the characteristics of the unit members.



Add character



Allows you to add a member to a unit, or create a new unit.



Remove



Use this command to remove a character from a unit.



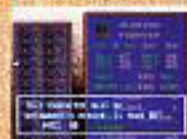
Formation



This allows you to change the positions within the unit.



Erase



This permanently removes a character from the game.



Change leader



This allows you to change the leader of a unit.



Change Class



When characters reach higher levels, they may be able to change their class to one of an equal or more powerful being.



Items



Selecting this icon brings up the next Item menu, from which you may choose **Use Item**, **Equip Item**, **Sell Item**, **Drop Item** or **Sort Items**. There are over 200 Items to be found in *Ogre Battle*, so this menu will be very important. (See page 23).

STEP 2 Removing/Adding Characters

The steps you take to remove or add a character are similar. Read on, fearless warrior, for all the details.



First, highlight the unit you wish to change, then press A.

Next, select the character you wish to add or remove.

Removed characters end up back in the character pool.

STEP 3 Make new Units

When a unit leader is removed, the unit is disbanded. New units may be formed with the **Add Character** command.



First, highlight a unit by using the Control Pad.

Select and remove the unit leader to disband the unit.

Add a new member from the character pool to be the leader.

STEP 4 Change unit formation

You may position the characters any way you like within a unit. Check each character's front/back attack skills to decide which row is best. While starting out, keep the leaders of your parties in the back row to protect them from attacks.



From the old formation, select characters with the A Button.

Place them in the empty box to create a new formation.

Game Play Fundamentals

PART 4

CHARACTER SCREEN INFORMATION

Present level

The experience level increases as the character gets stronger and more skilled.

Str (Strength)

The higher the character's Strength, the more damage he will inflict in battle.

Agi (Agility)

Characters with high Agility will successfully hit opponents in battle more often.

Int (Intelligence)

This affects your ability to cast and protect against spells.

Cha (Charisma)

The Charisma level determines how well a character is able to lead units.

Ali (Alignment)

The higher a character's Alignment is, the more he or she cares for others.

Luk (Luck)

A lucky character will be able to avoid attacks more often, and has a better chance of finding items in defeated enemy units.

Character size

Characters are either large or small. A unit may contain five small characters, or a combination of large and small. Each large character takes up the space of two small ones.

Character name

Character's class

Hit points

Cost

This is the cost of deploying this character and its daily wage.

Next level

Characters gain experience points after a battle. This shows the points needed to advance one Level.

Front/back

Characters attack differently on the front line then when in the back.

Move

Shows the terrain or method of travel this unit uses most effectively.



Leader OK

Some character types cannot be unit leaders regardless of their Charisma.

Item equip

This shows if a character is equipped with an Item, and what type it is.

STEP 1 Let's save the Data

Once you've spent some time organizing your units, it's a good idea to save your data on the Main Map screen.

AFTER EDITING UNITS (EXAMPLE)



HINT ONE

BUILDING THE BEST SET OF UNITS

TYPE A CITY-LIBERATION UNIT



To build a good reputation with the people of the area, liberate cities with a party of high Alignment.

TYPE B ENEMY-ATTACKING UNIT



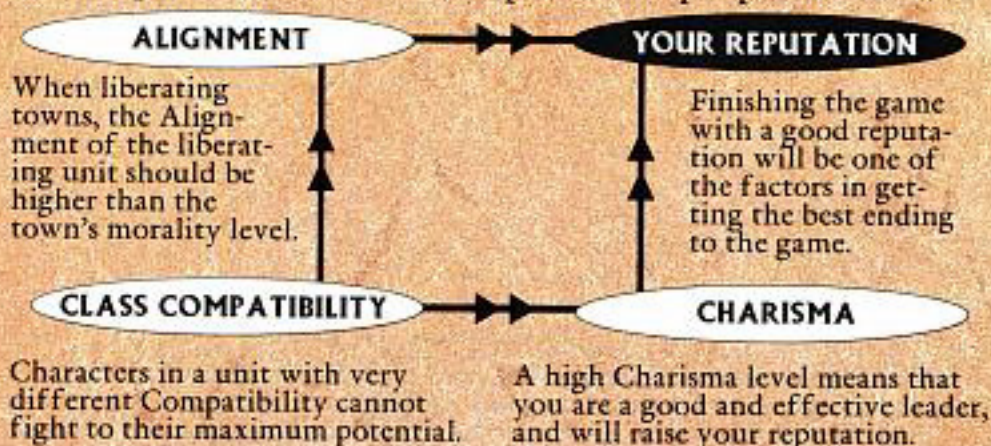
Characters of lower Alignment and those with muscle should go out and take care of the enemy troops.

Game Play Fundamentals

PART 5

WHAT AFFECTS YOUR REPUTATION?

Although you may play *Ogre Battle* any way you'd like, a good reputation can ensure help from the people of the area.



To ensure that you're getting the most effectiveness when building units, try following these guidelines. See page 22 for more hints on unit-building and making battle plans.

TYPE C CITY-DEFENDING UNIT



Place balanced units in liberated cities. Use units with strong characters in the front rank to ward off physical attacks.

TYPE D TERRAIN-BATTLE UNIT



Build parties with characters of a common terrain type, and send them to fight in the most suitable areas.

NEXT BATTLE!

Congratulations fearless Leader, you're doing well! Now it's time to take your units out and explore the Forests of Sharom. Who knows what evil lurks beyond the trees...



STEP 1 Check Map & Form a Plan

A well thought out plan is essential to your success in Sharom. Press the **R Button** to zoom out from the Area Map screen to get a better look at the area as a whole.



In addition to the visible cities and temples, take note of the hidden city and temple in this area. They may contain exclusive information.

STEP 2 Deploy All Units

Below is a step-by-step suggestion of how to go about completing this area efficiently. As you can see, customizing each unit for maximum effectiveness will prove to be a worthwhile effort. In the beginning, all units but one should be deployed from the base, each with its own unique mission to accomplish. This is expensive, but will be worth it.



Send flying units to the cities of Abdella and Valna.



Send a group of units to Valikesh, where the enemies will be advancing.



Remember to leave one unit guarding the Rebel base.



Press the **R Button** to zoom out and watch the units move.



When a unit reaches a city, the "Liberation" message appears.



You'll be notified when a unit reaches a general location.



Press the **R Button** to zoom in and examine your position.



Choose another city for an available unit to liberate.



Press the **L Button** to determine which units are moving.

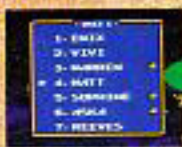
Game Play Fundamentals

PART 6

CHECK WHICH UNITS ARE MOVING



On the Area Map, press **L Button** to view deployed units. If one is finished moving, select the unit from the list, press **A Button** to zoom in on it, then send it to a new location.



ICONS ON THE STAGE MAP 2



Deploy Unit



Deploying units in this area can be done as shown on page 19.



Edit Unit



You may edit units specifically with this area in mind.



Tarot Card



You may learn about each Tarot card's effect at this time.



Income Projection



This shows your projected income. At noon, you receive money from each freed town, minus the cost of the units you have deployed.



ICONS ON THE CITY 1



Recruit Character



While a unit is in a city, you may recruit members into that party, provided that there is space.



Exchange Character



If two of your parties are close enough to each other, you may trade characters.

STEP 3 Shopping in Valna

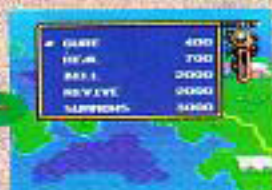
The town of Valna is a shopping paradise. For those with some cash, nearly anything can be bought.



Select the Unit icon from the Area Map screen.



When in a town with a shop, the **Buy Item** icon will appear.

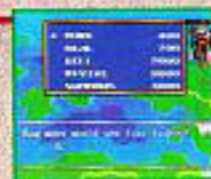


The available Items and each of their prices will be listed.

HINT TWO

WHICH ITEMS SHOULD YOU BUY?

This is the first shop you've happened upon, so don't spend all your money in one place. If you're not careful, you could go **bankrupt**. It's not necessary to buy the more expensive Items right now. Stick with useful, inexpensive Items like Cure and Heal.



STEP 4 Take on the Enemy Units!

As your units go on their way, there are sure to be enemy units to fight. Keep in mind that the people don't like a bully! Your reputation will suffer if you wipe out units that are weaker than yours. Fight the tough ones, and you'll gain respect.



Check if this unit is stronger or weaker than yours.



Fight enemies stronger than you to gain experience points.



If Enemy units are weak, use one of your own weaker units.

HINT
THREE

MAKING BATTLE PLANS

Below are some hints which are especially helpful when you have units deployed out on the Area Map screen.

1. Stay on the City

It's important to keep units in liberated towns in order to defend them. Also, characters can recover hit points as long as the unit stays in the city.

2. Landscape Effect

Form units whose members have common terrain preferences, then send the mountain, plains and water units to areas in which they fight most effectively.

3. Night or Daylight Battle

Characters of high alignment fight better in the day time, and those of low alignment prefer the night.

4. Don't Be a Bully, Check Your Level

If a good reputation concerns you, be careful who you fight. If you must fight enemies weaker than your party, one option is to defeat only their leader.

STEP 5 After the Battle - Part One

If someone in your party has sustained grave injuries, you should try to restore their hit points as soon as possible.



Select a unit on the field, and check each member's HP.



Select the **Item** icon, and then select **Use Item**.



If you have a "Cure" item from a shop, use it now.

Game Play Fundamentals

PART 7

ITEM ICONS EXPLANATION

Press **X Button** on the Area Map screen to bring up a menu from which you may choose the Items icon. This menu allows you to perform a variety of functions.



Use item



This icon displays a list of the Items you currently own.



Equip item



Use this to equip characters with weapons, armor and charms.



Sell item



If you're short on cash or have no use for an Item, sell it.



Dispose item



This allows you to permanently remove an Item from the game.



Order



Use this to organize your Items in any way you would like.



Clean up



This icon will sort your Items according to category.

ITEM INFORMATION

To get more information on an Item you are unfamiliar with, move the cursor to an Item and press Select. Also refer to the poster for more details.



STEP 6 After the Battle - Part Two

Occasionally, a character will get wiped out in the course of a battle. You may revive those characters by taking them to the local temple. If the unit leader is slain, you'll have to have another member take over until you can revive the leader.



Oh mercy! A character in this party has been destroyed.

Never fear—take this party to the nearest temple.

Choose the **Revive Character** icon and he'll be as good as new.



If a unit leader is terminated in battle, a skull appears.

A unit cannot be without a leader. What should you do?

Choose the **Change Leader** icon and select a new unit leader.

HINT FOUR

IF A CHARACTER DIES...

Before going somewhere far away from a temple, it's wise to buy a "Revive" item from one of the shops. Use this item to bring a character back to life, anywhere! If you can afford to lose the deceased character forever with all of their experience, then erase the character and recruit a new one in a nearby city.



Game Play Fundamentals

PART 8

ICONS ON THE CITY 2



Revive Icon

When you bring a slain character to a temple, the **Revive** icon will be available. This service will cost a pretty penny, though!



STEP 7 Surround the Boss' Castle

Once you've completed the immediate objectives of the stage—liberating towns, collecting useful information etc.—choose a group of units that you think are ready and launch an attack on the Boss!



STEP 8 Fighting the Boss' Unit

Remember the hidden city on the island back in the first area? You met Lans, an old friend of King Gran who was very upset at the king's assassination. Now his recruitment is helpful.



Choose Lans' unit and have it go to the Boss' location.

A tense dialogue begins between the two mortal enemies.

Lans is overcome with fury, and the battle begins.

STEP 9 After Beating the Boss

Congratulations, Great Leader! The evil oppressor of Jindark has been vanquished. It was not necessary to use Lans in your attack on Usar, but as you can see, his assistance was very helpful. Keep this in mind as you progress through the game. There are many more persons whose information and help could be essential to your success. Follow the steps below when in between each major area.



It's cause for celebration, but there is work to be done.



Next, it's time to return to the Main Map screen.



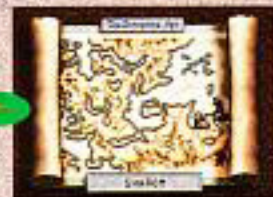
Choose the **Edit Units** icon to view all of your units.



Change the class of any characters who are now eligible.



Don't forget to save your progress with the **Data** icon.



Back on the Main Map screen, what's the next step?



After each area, return to areas you have already visited.



There will be new clues to find.



Return to the Main Map anytime by choosing this new icon.

Game Play Fundamentals

PART 9

ICONS ON THE CITY 2



Return to map

Often you will need to return to previously completed areas to pick up more information. Press **X button** on the Area Map and you will be able to choose the new icon, **Return To Map**. Remember, after the Boss has been defeated, you can no longer collect tribute money from the towns in that stage, so don't return expecting money from them.



HINT FIVE

WHEN NEUTRAL CHARACTERS APPEAR

You will notice that occasionally a neutral character appears in battle. If you quickly press **A Button** at the start of the battle, you will have the option of recruiting that character into your own party.



STAGE 3: REVOLUTION

Now that you have completed the first two stages of *Ogre Battle*, you should have all the basic skills necessary to complete the rest of the game. Don't think it's going to be easy though. This area, Rashom District, is fraught with dangers and holds many secrets.

Below are some tips to get you through the area. Some of the following steps can only occur if your Reputation Meter is high enough, so if you are having trouble, try backtracking and building up a higher reputation.



The center area on this map is a good tactical position for most of your strong units. Deploy units with flying characters to hard-to-reach places like Jindark.

Basic Steps

1. Deploy Your Forces

Once again, don't hold back your units. Deploy all but one party, leaving that one to defend the Rebels' base.



2. Fight in the Center

Send most of your units down the center path to meet the enemy forces.



3. Visit Yulia

After liberating Chang'Ga and Bah'Wahl, head for the hidden temple in the southwest to meet Yulia.



4. Find Canopus

After Yulia gives you the Wing of Victory, return to Bah'Wahl where you will meet Canopus. He will join your quest.



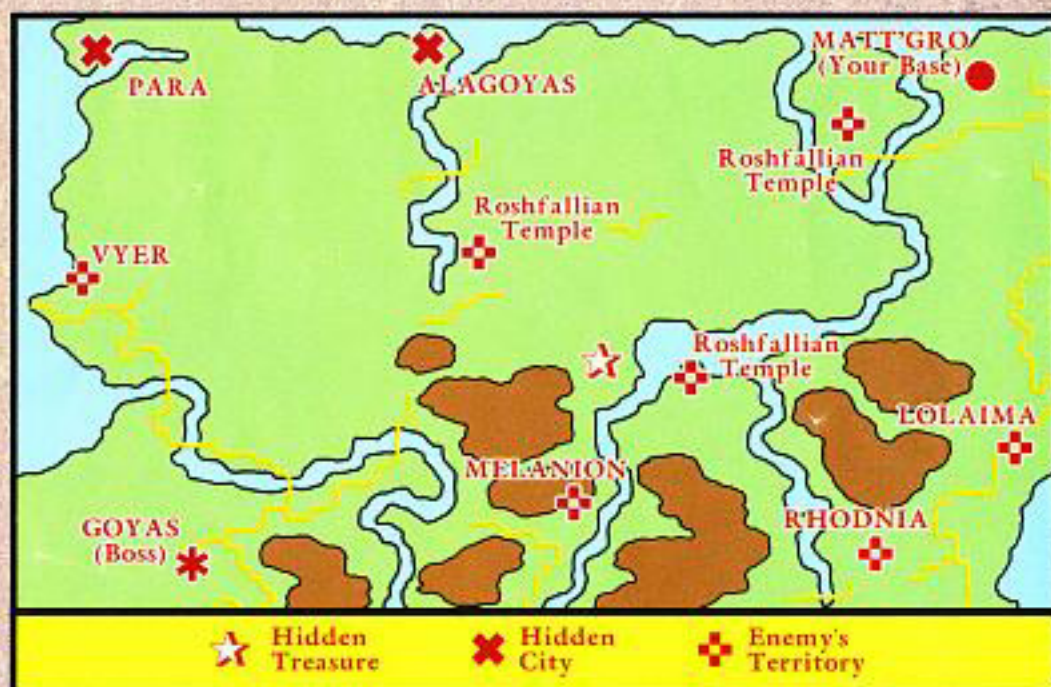
5. Defeat Gilbert

Use Canopus' unit to fight Gilbert. After the battle, they will reconcile their differences.



STAGE 4: ADVANCE

Pogrom Forest is a vast, dark, forested plain, and is haunted by many troubled spirits. You will need all of your cunning to get through this stage. You can best prepare for the long trip to the enemy headquarters by building units that are of high Alignment and that use clerics as their leaders. The undead characters of the forest can only be defeated by white magic tarot cards, a white magic weapon, or the spells of a cleric. Save two or three of your units to use for flying to the cities which are off the beaten path.



In this stage, the Southeast and Northwest corners are where you'll want to send your flying units. Make sure their alignments are high before liberating the cities. Your other units should stay grouped for battle in the center of the map.

Basic Steps

1. Add All Clerics & Deploy

Edit your units to include all of your clerics. Change their tactics to "Best" to attack ghosts and skeletons.



2. Love your Enemies

As you go through the forest, use the Befriend command on any neutral characters; they will be very useful later.



3. Team Attack

When you are ready to fight Kapella, place a group of units outside his castle. They can then attack in quick succession.



4. Use "World"

Save any "World" tarot cards you have acquired for this battle and use them against Kapella.



5. Get Mercury

After defeating Kapella, return to Pogrom Forest, go to Para, and receive an Item from Boltorano.



STAGE 5: FULL MOON

The title of the Lake Jannenia stage should serve as a clue to the dangers that await you within. The inhabitants will have many stories to tell you when you liberate their cities, but look out for one particular inhabitant named Sirius. He may seem friendly at first, but everything he has to say is meant to mislead you. You'll meet him again at the end of the stage, at which time you may repay him for his dishonesty!



After liberating most of the satellite towns, circle the North edge of the lake. It will be difficult to get to the Boss' hideout on the protected island, so take a group of units across the bridge at the same time.

Basic Steps



1. Use the Undead

Put your undead characters in the front lines of your fighting units—they can absorb physical damage.



2. Meet Sirius

His name is Sirius, but he's trying to play a pretty nasty joke on you! Don't fall for his plot to destroy the rebels.



3. Get Rune Axe

A monk at the Temple on the east edge of the map will give you a white magic weapon. Use it on the boss.



4. Daytime Fight

Because of the Boss' canine condition, visiting him at night is a bad idea. Go during the day.



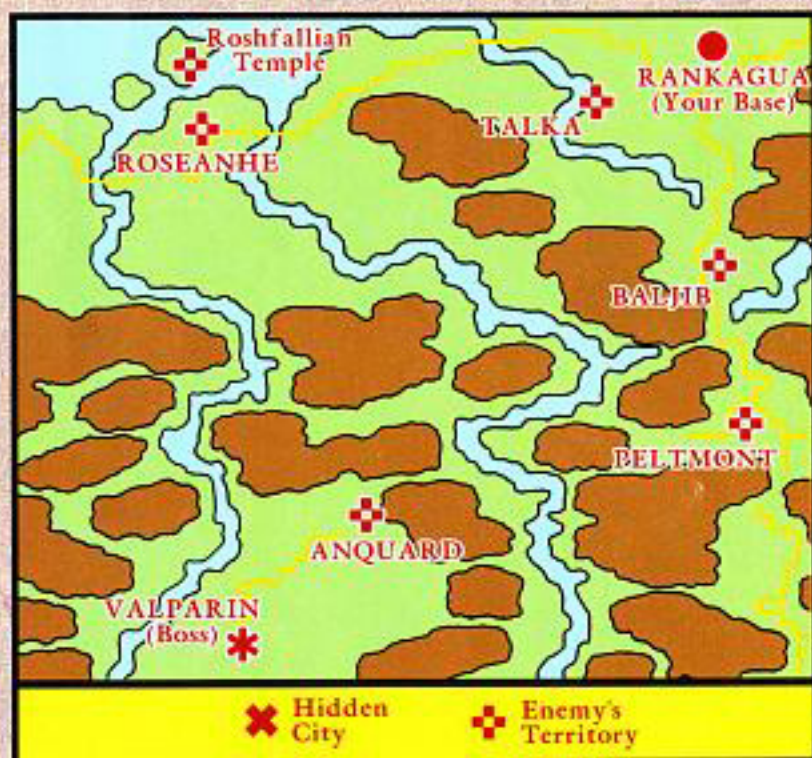
5. Use Magic

A Wizard's unit with Undead characters in front will be particularly effective on the Boss.



STAGE 6: GLASS PUMPKIN

Deneb's Garden is a haven for monsters. Deneb herself is a beautiful but evil witch who has been performing experiments on humans in the district. The locals are wary of her, but she has plenty of Imperial troops on her side which will try to keep you from rescuing the citizens. When you defeat Deneb, you'll discover her true nature, and you'll have to decide whether or not to let her go.



In this stage, there are some hidden items to find, but they are not shown on the map. Explore! You are bound to find them sooner or later, but don't get too distracted on the way to Deneb's place.

Basic Steps

1. Follow the Road

There is a path straight through the mountains to Deneb's city. You should follow this path to reach her quickly.



2. Rumors Fly

The people around Deneb's lair will tell you all about her evil ways. They'll be thankful to be rid of her.



3. Jack-O-Lanterns

Deneb has pumpkin-headed henchmen to protect her. Their attacks are strong, but hers are fairly weak.



4. Forgive Deneb?

After you defeat Deneb, she will beg for mercy. Say no, and your Reputation will rise.



5. Deneb's Mission

Return to Valparin and Deneb will ask a favor of you. She'll also give you a Black Pearl.



STAGE CHART

There are many ways to reach the last stage of *Ogre Battle*, but following the chart at the right will help you take the smoothest route to the finish. Since your Imperial enemies are stronger in each consecutive stage, it's also the best way to advance your own level. Furthermore, keep an eye out for the four hidden maps as you make your way through the game!

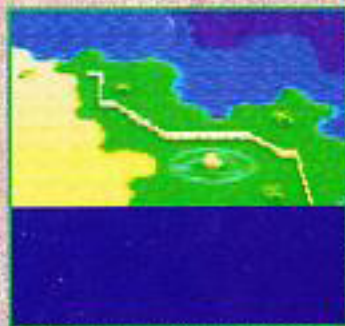


— NORMAL ROUTE
 — HIDDEN ROUTE

HINT SIX

FIND THE CHAOS GATES

The Legend of *Ogre Battle* says that the four gods of the Sky Islands are alive and waiting for you to visit them. To reach their floating worlds, you must have the "Brunhild" sword. Use it to discover each of the four Chaos Gates. The gates are passages to the floating worlds of the gods. Look for them in out-of-the-way places: between mountains, on small islands, etc.



TRUE ENDING!?

The course of *Ogre Battle* is as diverse and challenging as you wish to make it. With 12 different possibilities, the ending will prove to be no less unique or unpredictable!



CHECK 1 Your Reputation Meter

Finishing the game with a full, or near full, reputation meter is just one of the criteria in getting the very best ending.



CHECK 2 The Hero's parameters

The maximum Strength, Agility and Intelligence is 255, and the maximum Charisma, Alignment and Luck is 100.



CHECK 3 Collecting important items

Seeing the best ending also depends upon discovering all of the special treasures and items scattered throughout the game.



CHECK 4 Finding important characters

As important as finding hidden items is finding and talking to all of the various characters along the way. Many key characters must join your forces in order for you to reach the best ending.



GOOD LUCK!

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